

### SCHIFF WOULD ABIDE BY LAW BUT FABLE TAUGHT WAY TO HELP

In the "Jewish Daily News" of September 29th, Mr. Philip Gossin relates the following:

"It was in the latter part of December, 1915, while John Purroy Mitchell was mayor of New York.

"Due to the persecution of the police about three thousand Jewish standkeepers seemed to be in danger of losing their means of livelihood. The Commissioner of License had unearthed an old regulation which prohibited the standkeepers from selling candy, cigarettes and tobacco and this regulation was being taken advantage of.

"A committee of standkeepers appealed to the "Jewish Daily News" for help.

"At that time it was no secret to anyone that Mr. Jacob H. Schiff the great Jewish philanthropist, was a personal friend of the late Mayor Mitchell. The editor requested me to go and see Mr. Schiff, relate to him the facts in the case and induce him to intervene with the Mayor.

"To approach the great Jewish financier who had financially created kingdoms, was a matter of not the slightest difficulty especially so where his poor brethren was concerned. As soon as I had handed my card to the doorman at the office of Kuhn, Loeb & Company he conducted me into the private office of Mr. Schiff where the grey-headed financier greeted me with a smiling "good morning."

"What can I do for you?"

"I came to the point at once. There are in New York, I explained from five to six thousand standkeepers who make a poor living from the sale of papers. Incidentally, they sell candy cigarettes and tobacco. Right now they are being persecuted and because of an old regulation which prohibits the standkeeper from selling the articles mentioned, an attempt is being made to deprive them of their means of livelihood. You, Mr. Schiff, are in a position to help them. All you need do is talk it over with the Mayor.

"Having listened carefully to my request, he replied without stopping to think over the matter.

"A law is a law and we citizens must respect it whether we like it or not. And smilingly he continued: 'You wouldn't want me to go to prison in connection with this matter, would you?'

"Certainly not', I replied, but perhaps you can find some means whereby the wolf should be satisfied and the lamb should remain safe?'

"Just wait a minute,' Mr. Schiff said, 'I think I can solve the matter. Have you ever heard the story of the Succoth?'

"At this point Mr. Schiff took hold of the lapel of my coat and in the manner of a learned Jew of old, relating some brilliant sophistry he told me the following story:

"Amsterdam possessed quite a large Jewish population. The Jews there were well to do and played an important part in the public affairs of the city. On one occasion it came to pass that a Jew built up a nice large Succoth adjoining his house. His next door neighbor was a gentile and he was very much put out that the Jew thus obstructed the intervening space between them, thereby shutting out some of his light. The gentile asked the Jew to remove the Soc-

coth but this the Jew refused to do. Whereupon the gentile went to the Mayor of the city and officially complained. The Mayor came down himself, investigated the matter and found that the gentile was right. He thereupon ordered the Jew to remove the Succoth within a period of eight days. You understand?

"I think,' Mr. Schiff continued, 'that we will request the Mayor to allow the standkeepers two months during which they should remove their candies and cigarettes and in the course of these two months, we will take the necessary measures to have the legislature amend the law.

"And that is exactly what happened. The standkeepers were not bothered again and yet no one knew that this was done due to the efforts of the great Mr. Jacob M. Schiff, for he expressly desired that his name should not be mentioned in connection with this affair."

### NEWARK RABBI KILLED WHEN TAXI OVERTURNS

On his way home after performing a marriage ceremony, Rabbi Baer Hailperin of the United Hebrew Congregation in Newark was killed yesterday in an automobile accident at Center and Harrison streets, Orange, N. J.

The taxicab in which the clergyman was riding was overturned by a touring car driven by Mrs. Gustav A. Henckel of 230 Turrell Avenue, South Orange. It was several minutes before rescuers could get the rabbi out of the wreckage. He was unconscious and died before surgeons arrived from the Orange Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Henckel and her daughter, Evelyn, alighted from their automobile and endeavored to assist. Later they were arrested by the police, who demanded an explanation of the accident. They were permitted to go home, and the facts in the case were presented to the Essex County Prosecutor. The police said they had been able to get no clear account, which, Mrs. Henckel said, was unavoidable.

Two other passengers in the taxicab with Rabbi Hailperin escaped with slight injuries. They were Philip Pearlman and Paul Friedman of Bloomfield, N. J. The driver of the taxi cab said he was not traveling more than fifteen miles an hour.

### TAKES FORD TO TASK

Says Ignorance of History Causes False Notions About Jews

Chicago.—Henry Ford was criticized today by Sinclair Lewis, author of "Main Street," as one of the wealthy men who do not read their history and therefore at times err in their judgment. Mr. Lewis spoke at the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, before the Sunday Afternoon Club.

"If the well-known Detroit manufacturer who publishes a paper of his own to issue propaganda, was broad minded and had read Israel Zangwill, the great Jewish writer, he never would have had the hallucination that this nation is going to be terrorized by Jewish bankers,' Mr. Lewis said.

"He has needlessly frightened people. He has excited them over the false notion that the country is in danger of subjugation by the New York Jewish millionaires. He should have studied the history of the Jew-

ish race and then he would have changed his views on these things. But he never took the trouble to read their history.

"That is a good object lesson for you business men in the audience. You should never be too busy to read books. And particularly history."

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